

Crime Victims' Services Committee

2016 Proposed Funding Priorities

Mission Statement

The mission of the Crime Victims' Services Committee is to advocate for victims by promoting the development of effective programs that improve the response of human service professionals and the criminal justice system to crime victims.

NOTE: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM PRIORITIES ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORDER.

A. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS

The Governor's Crime Commission encourages a coordinated community response to domestic violence and sexual assault. In order for services to be made more readily available to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and to promote the collaborative efforts of agencies within a local/regional area, proposals will be accepted for the development of Family Justice Centers in North Carolina. Funding awarded under this priority will assist local communities in providing services to victims through the establishment of family justice centers. Family justice centers should establish a single location for victims to receive services and obtain referrals for support and assistance. Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide core crisis intervention services to sexual assault and/or domestic violence victims, including:

- Counseling services
- Shelter services
- Client outreach services
- Court advocacy services
- Information and referral services

PROPOSALS MUST:

Submit certification status regarding the Fundamental Service Elements & Fundamental Elements of Accessibility.

- Fundamental Service Elements and Their Descriptions
<http://www.ncgccd.org/planning/victims/servfun.pdf>

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<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ncodh/fea.cfm>

Include a written agreement demonstrating community partnerships.

B. SEXUAL ASSAULT / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES (TWO YEAR ONLY)

[Click here to see a list of eligible agencies and the eligible funding amounts for each agency.](#)

Proposals should include a plan of action to provide core crisis intervention services to sexual assault and/or domestic violence victims, including:

- Counseling services
- Crisis line operation
- Shelter services
- Client outreach services
- Therapy
- Court advocacy services
- Information and referral services

NOTE: Special conditions will be attached to ensure agencies will be in compliance with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements.

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C. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT SERVICES

Proposals should describe services provided by an accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC) or by a provisional CAC who is developing child advocacy services, but who is not yet accredited, and has a signed interagency agreement with the District Attorney's office, Department of Social Services & Law Enforcement (at minimum).

Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel for the following services:

- Advocacy
- Mental Health
- Child Medical Evaluation

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NOTE: For proposals addressing child abuse and neglect that do not provide direct services but seek to address system improvement, please refer to funding priorities with the Juvenile Justice Committee.

D. LAW ENFORCEMENT / PROSECUTORS' OFFICES /COURT OFFICIALS

D.1. Law Enforcement (\$100,000 Federal Share maximum per year)

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and/or Stalking

Proposals should include Law Enforcement positions as described below:

- Up to two Designated Sworn Law Enforcement Officers

**If Law Enforcement unit already has an in-house Victim Advocate, this position will not be required. Position can be used as in-kind match. Agency will be required to provide verification regarding Advocate's roles and responsibilities.*

D.2. Prosecutors' Offices (\$110,000 Federal Share maximum per year)

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and/or Stalking

Proposals may include up to two personnel positions of:

- Victim Witness Legal Assistant

- Prosecutor
- Investigator

D.3. Court Officials

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and/or Stalking

The following will be considered under this priority:

- Batterers Intervention Programs (\$50,000 Federal Share maximum per year)
- Training (\$100,000 Federal Share maximum per year)

Proposals for the above (D.1, D.2 & D.3) should describe services provided by criminal justice professionals in Law Enforcement, Prosecution and/or Court for any of the following priority areas:

- Developing, training, or expanding specialized units or victim assistant programs that target violent crimes against women, such as domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Specialized units must include one dedicated criminal justice professional and can be based in any one or more of the following: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts. **(D.1, D.2 or D.3)**
- Victim Assistants who are placed in law enforcement agencies who serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and personnel in law enforcement agencies to improve the enforcement of protection orders. These special victim assistants are also known as “Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants.” **(D.1)**
- Training to criminal justice system professionals (Judges, Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Probation Officers, Magistrates, Clerks of Court) on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, which may include professional development of responding officers, strengthening internal policy and procedure and/or strengthening interagency policy and procedure for responding to violence against women and special victim populations. **(D.1, D.2 or D.3)**
- Court sanctioned Batterers Intervention Programs. **(D.3)**

All proposals under this priority must include a written agreement demonstrating community partnerships. All proposals must also include one or more of the following:

- Improving and/or developing interagency protocols on effective response. At minimum, collaborative partners must include victim service providers.
- Improving and/or developing an advocacy council or task force to meet regularly to review current services/cases.

- Providing opportunity for professional development and/or Coordinated Community Response (CCR) through training conducted by Office on Violence Against Women, Office for Victims of Crime, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, North Carolina Victim Assistance Network, Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina Justice Academy and/or North Carolina Statewide Automated Victim Assistance and Notification (NC SAVAN).

E. LEGAL SERVICES

Proposals will be considered for the following:

- Statewide Legal Services that provide pro bono legal assistance
- Local and/or Regional Non-Profit Legal Services that provide pro bono legal assistance

E.1. Statewide Legal Services

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and/or Stalking

A proposal will be accepted from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and/or stalking by improving the level of service provided to victims by increasing the number of Victim Service Coordinators to work with District Attorneys and court personnel to provide court advocacy and support to victims of crime in the legal process.

E.2. Legal Advocacy for Victims of Crime

Restricted to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and/or Stalking

A proposal will be accepted from private non-profit legal agencies across the state to provide local or regional legal advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and/or stalking by improving the level of service provided to victims by increasing the number of Victim Advocates to work with District Attorneys and court personnel to provide legal and court advocacy and support to victims of crime in the legal process.

Special consideration will be given to agencies establishing working satellite offices in remote or rural locations.

Proposals for the above (**E.1 and E.2.**) should describe services provided by criminal justice professionals in legal services or courts for any of the following priority areas:

- Developing, training, or expanding specialized units or victim assistant programs that target violent crimes against women, such as domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Specialized units must include one dedicated criminal justice professional and can be

based in any one or more of the following: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts. **(E.1. or E.2.)**

Programs must utilize an evidenced-based model as outlined in The North Carolina Intervention Program Guide to Achieving Recommended Practices.

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F. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A proposal will be accepted from agencies to address human trafficking by increasing the level of awareness of human trafficking and to improve the level of service provided to victims by increasing the number of agencies and service providers who are qualified to work with trafficking victims.

Proposals should include a plan of action and a statement of collaboration to provide core crisis intervention services to victims of sexual, domestic, or labor trafficking, including:

- Counseling services
- Shelter services
- Client outreach services
- Court advocacy services
- Information and referral services

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G. UNDERSERVED CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES

Underserved populations may be distinguished by the crime type or by demographic characterizations. These populations may have been overlooked in the past, may not have adequate services readily available and/or may require special consideration/services.

This proposal looks to fund large programs to develop large scale programs to address underserved crime victim groups by providing a broad array of services and/or developing a program that provides these services in a manner that can be replicated in other areas of the state.

Proposals should describe services provided to any of the victim population(s) listed below:

- Support to members of the military and their families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and/or stalking.
- Adolescents (School/Campus)
- American Indian/Tribes
- Campus Crime (College or University Level)
- Child Trafficking Victims
- Children Who Witness Family Violence/Domestic Violence
- Crime Victims with Disabilities
- Elderly Victims
- Gang Victims
- Immigrant Crime Victims
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning Victims (LGBTQ)
- Secondary Victims and/or Survivors of Homicide
- Teen Dating Violence
- Youth Victims of Bullying and Cyber-bullying

Proposals may include costs to cover direct services personnel in the form of advocacy and/or licensed therapist. Proposals may also include things needed to support direct services personnel; such as, but not limited to: training, travel, equipment and outreach materials.

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H. OTHER VICTIM SERVICES

Proposals will be considered for the development or expansion of large-scale programs for the provision of direct services related to any of the following:

- Specialized Mental Health Services
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services
- Supervised Visitation
- Statewide Training and Technical Assistance
- Victims' Compensation Personnel

Proposals should focus on the delivery of services to victims at the regional or statewide level

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I. AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Proposals will be considered for technology-based statewide automated victim notification services designed specifically to provide offender custody status information to victims of crime. Services shall provide offender information and notification through interfaces with county jails and the Division of Adult Correction (including inmates, probationers and parolees). Proposal should provide both incoming and outgoing call service 24/7 with multiple language capability and operator assistance available.

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2015 GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

No application or proposal is guaranteed award at any time during the time of grant review or the recommendation process. Funding is subject entirely to the availability of federal funds.

All Applications to the Crime Victims' Services Committee must meet all 2015 Grant Eligibility Requirements, Restrictions and Limitations. Please review them carefully before submitting your pre-application.

□ All organizations receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice are bound by the Equal Treatment Regulations codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 38. With limited exceptions, these regulations prohibit the inclusion of inherently religious activities (such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) in the specific programs or services that are being funded.

A religious organization that participates in the funded programs or services will retain its independence from federal, state, and local governments and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, though it must not use funding to support any inherently religious activity. In providing services, funded organizations shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

Non-profit Grant Recipients – REQUIRED AT TIME OF SUBMITTING APPLICATION:

- Each applicant must have a Grantee web URL.
- Brief grantee description – NO MORE than 500 characters (does include spaces)
- All non-profit agencies applying must verify their Non-Profit Status at the time of submitting their application. One way of verification is to have a current 501 (C) (3) certification and a valid federal tax identification number.
- A Preliminary Site Visit assessment by GCC staff shall be required of any new applicant or previous applicant at the discretion of the GCC management prior to the application being considered for funding approval.

ALL GRANTEES MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION!!

DUNS Number: Each grantee MUST have a DUNS Number, prior to any funds being released! DUNS Numbers may be obtained from either of the following web links:

www.dnb.com or <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

SAM Registration: SAM (System for Award Management) registration is required for all applicants and has taken the place of registration in CCR (Central Contractor Registration). If an applicant had an active record in CCR, that applicant has an active record in SAM. Applicants not previously registered in CCR should register in SAM prior to applying for a grant through the Governor's Crime Commission. SAM information may be found at <https://www.sam.gov/>.

NCID: The Governor's Crime Commission has implemented a new grants management system that makes it necessary for applicants to register with the North Carolina Identity Management Service (NCID) at <http://gems.nccrimecontrol.org/Pages/Default.aspx>. Applicants will be unable to access the online application without a valid NCID user ID and password.

ENDNOTES

The following information applies to all funding priorities listed above:

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP(S)

To provide the most effective services to victims, a written agreement demonstrating community partners is required for all program priorities (i.e. MOU, MOA, etc.). Click here for sample MOU:

Sample MOU

Proposals should utilize a collaborative approach in ways that are meaningful and purposeful to the goals and objectives of the project. A collaborative design can be either complex or modest. What is most important is that the design be in proportion to the scope of the project, the make-up of the organization and its geographic location.

Additionally, be sure to give thought to other groups who want to accomplish similar goals and how you may work with such agencies/individuals in an effort to meet a need. For example, you may rely on another person for certain information or for help to coordinate your plan. Each individual or agency has a task to perform, and with coordination and collaboration, tasks become more manageable.

TRAINING

Training is important for all listed funding priorities. Applications within each priority should consider including training conducted by agencies such as, but not limited to: Office on Violence Against Women, Office for Victims of Crime, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, North Carolina Victim Assistance Network, Department of Health and Human Services, etc.